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SQUIBS FROM THE WATER FRONT

DOGFISH PEST ADDS GREATLY TO TROUBLE OF FISHER- MEN.

The dogfish are increasing in number, according to the gill netters, several of which have concluded their season with the advent of the pest, and the absence of cod. The Virginia and Joan, of which Capt. Austin Wonson is skipper, had considerable aboard this forenoon.

The Gertrude L. Thebaud, Jr., is to be the name of the new 20-foot craft at Capt. "Ben" Pine's wharf, if its very young skipper, John Norris, Jr., has anything to do with it. This forenoon he was busily engaged in scraping down the dory together with his first mate, Gardner Norris. Asked as to what type of fishing in which they were to occupy their time, the skipper tartly answered, "floundering". Incidentally he was getting quite a bit of attention from some old-timers who have commanded many vessels in their day.

Skipper Clayton Morrissey was in port again this morning in the Nimbus, with over 4000 pounds of net mackerel which were caught off Thacher's so they tell Squibs. Capt. "Clay" is much pleased with his craft which he says is certainly living up to expectations.

The crew of the Geraldine and Phyllis of which Capt. Colin Dorey is the skipper, believe that there is a silver lining to every cloud after all, for although bad luck seemed to pursue them for awhile they were lucky enough in the past two trips to stock a total of \$2100 while the crew shared \$57 which is not half bad, in these times.

A cross between a lobster and a crab was brought into the Times' sanctum this morning by "Jim" McLaughlin and Henry Prady, which they obtained from the small mackerel netter 32-C, Capt. Tony Battalino, the latter having caught it in his nets off Thacher's last night. It only measures an inch, is shaped like a football and has more than its share of feet, and a smooth scaly back. Some old salts venture that this is the small shell fish which contains a salve that helps to soothe sores. Mebbe so, and mebbe no. At any rate the fish has been sent to the Birdseye laboratories to see if the chemists there can diagnose the strange marine critter.

Being strictly nautical, Capt. "Ben" Pine insists that his office at the Atlantic Supply Company have a nautical clock and thus the hours or marine periods are tolled by so many bells that are absolutely "Greek" to the landlubber. It sounds like the real thing, though.

It is with deep regret that Squibs notes the passing of Capt. Henry W. Curtis who sailed "out o' Gloucester" for over a half century and only retired from active service a few years ago. He was a fine type of fisherman and had as one of his commands, the Mary F. Curtis, now skippered by Capt. David Keating. The late captain took the Mary F. Curtis to the Cape Shore a quarter of a century ago, and before. He was well known along the waterfront, where he was a daily visitor.

Most of the swordfishing fleet have concluded their changing over, and are expected to get away over the week-end, so that the fleet should be large before another seven days has passed.

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Rumors from Boston-way, indicate that the haddockers are going to wage the same battle that the seiners seem to be successful at. They say that most of the fleet are already agreed to support the measures of their leaders to get a better price and limit the catch, besides raising a fund that will enable them to send capable men to Washington to get aid for the fleet.

Nova Scotia Bait Report.

Canso—No bait. Ice available. No vessels in port.

Halifax—Twenty thousand pounds frozen herring available.

Liverpool—Plenty ice available. Bait for local use only. Drifters getting fairly good catches of herring.

Lockeport—Limited quantity of bait.

Lunenburg—No bait. Ice available.

Port Hawkesbury—Fifty thousand pounds frozen herring and plenty ice available.

Queensport—Fresh bait scarce. No vessels in port.

St. Anns—Bait scarce in traps.

Shelburne—Forty thousand pounds frozen herring available.

Yarmouth—Four hundred seventy thousand pounds frozen herring and plenty fresh bait and ice available.

Grindstone—Plenty herring and ice at Amherst, Gull Island, Hospital Cape, Grindstone and Point Basse.

Nova Scotia Fisheries Regulations.

By order-in-council at Ottawa, the fishery regulations for Nova Scotia have been amended by addition of the following paragraph: "Subject to the foregoing regulations the use of dip nets for the capture of gaspereau shall be permissible, provided their operation is restricted to a distance of at least 100 yards away from any square net."

An amendment of the regulations for Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and P. E. Island is substitution of the following for a rescinded section: "The export from the province of soft shell, long neck or squirt clams (Mys Arenaria) in a raw material state during the month of May in each year is prohibited."

Haligonian Sold.

The Haligonian, famous racing and fishing schooner, was sold recently at sheriff's sale at Lunenburg, N. S., for \$5025. The purchasers were Adams & Knickle, Lunenburg. She has been tied up at Lunenburg for two years. She will be made ready for fishing. The Haligonian was built at Shelburne in 1925 for Halifax parties. She went fishing in command of Capt. Moyle Crouse and took part in several schooner races.

There was a claim of \$6500 against her by the Lunenburg Outfitting Co., Ltd., and others.

Portland News.

The last of the Portland swordfishing fleet, the sch. New Dawn, Capt. Levi Eastman, came off the marine railway at South Portland late yesterday and early next week will leave for Georges. The Alice M. Dougherty II., Capt. Reuben Doughty, iced up at Central Wharf and went to Long Island. Early this morning she will leave for the banks.

N. S. Pickled Fish.

The pickled fish trade is very quiet, demand being disappointing. As regards large spring mackerel, stocks are excessive for this time of the year and opening prices to the fishermen for new catch are likely to be low. The price continues steady at \$6 ex store; mediums, \$1 less.

No. 1 large grocery herring are quite scarce. The demand is light. New cure will be available about the last of next month.

Alewives are unchanged at \$3.75 ex store.—Maritime Merchant.

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The Lobster Market.

The lobster fishing season which opened on the eastern shore on the 10th of April has had rather bad weather up to date, and the catch, as a result, is somewhat smaller than last year. Better conditions are expected from now on. The Cape Breton, Prince Edward Island and north shore of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick season opened in some sections on the 1st of May and elsewhere on the 15th of May, but up to the time of writing very little has been done.

Since the opening of the various sections large quantities of live lobsters have been going into the Boston market and the return from these is not now very satisfactory, the price having dropped from \$28 per crate at the opening to \$18 per crate at the present time. There is not much profit in this for the fishermen.

Factories up to now have secured only moderate supplies, but no doubt these will be increased as the weather improves.

The export market is very quiet owing to the uncertainty of the effect of the stabilization fund, which has not yet come into force. The delay at Ottawa is making business very difficult for exporters at the present time, as English buyers are holding back with the hope that they are going to secure more favorable prices. As a result of this stabilization factor, interest in lobsters in buying markets appears to be very indifferent just now.—Maritime Merchant.

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BIG LOBSTER WEEK AT PIER

More lobsters were received last week than in any week this year. Sales were made at \$14 per crate as compared with a price of \$18 per crate in the corresponding week last year.

Lobster Notes.

The lobster catch so far along the Tracadie, N. F., coast is fairly good, but fishing conditions have been unfavorable of late when the heavy gales only permitted them to examine their traps three days the last week. At present there is considerable bait, but previously the fishermen had to secure bait from Cape Breton.

The greater quantity of lobsters have been shipped to the United States and on the last shipment the fishermen secured \$8.25 per quintal in addition to the premium of United States funds. Local prices are \$3 for canners and \$4 for markets.

The men are still making poor catches of lobsters at Stony Island, N. S., but cod fishing continues good. Two more fish firms will be in readiness to buy fresh fish in a short time.

The lobster season for Clark's Harbor, N. S., closed yesterday, and will be recorded as the poorest in years. The fish have been unusually scarce. This and low prices will leave even some of the best fishermen in debt. Cod fish is plentiful and a few mackerel were taken last week.

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LARGE FLEET OF SWORDFISH- EMEN SAILED ON FIRST TRIP.

Among the week-end visitors in port here was the good-ship Catherine, a halibuter hailing from the vicinity of Grand bank, with Capt. Archie McLeod as the skipper. What's more, Capt. Archie, 'tis said, has a fare of 60,000 pounds of the choice fish, which makes it one of the best trips of the season. Capt. Archie has a habit of going where is the fish, if you get the drift. He has been gone longer than usual. Today he is in Boston, offering his trip for sale, and will return here to refit.

The schooner Gertrude L. Thebaud, queen of the American fishermen racing fleet, sailed to the fishing grounds, handlining, yesterday morning at 10 bells, landlubber's time in command of Capt. Jimmy Abbott and as luck would have it, ran into an unruly school of dogfish off Thacher's when the vessel was in about 35 fathom or 210 feet of ocean, causing the skipper to "up anchor" and come in-shore around Kettle island where the fishing was just as bad.

'Twas no great loss, however, to the crew, who happened to be dignitaries from the commonwealth of the Bay State in general who enjoyed every minute of the glorious sail, and were loud in their praises for the finest ship on the coast.

Capt. Abbott by the way, is patiently waiting the day when he can take the schooner Raymonde swordfishing. Right now, the Raymonde is undergoing an overhauling of her engine, and other repairs to get her in the best of shape for the grueling session off Georges.

With 31 mackerel fares in Boston this morning answering the bell, and having a sum total of close to 560,000 pounds, the prospect of the fine price of last week continuing, soon faded, and down to the minimum agreed upon by the skippers as the least they would accept, went the price per pound, with some of the vessels still having the fish in their holds tonight. That means another pool among this fleet. The first pool will soon be straightened out, and each vessel given her equal portion of the total stock, so it has been announced.

Small boats of this port have been profiting by the Boston prices of last week in bringing in trips of 4000 pounds and under, the fish being caught off Thachers. Some of the trawlers have changed over for this type of fishing, as has the gill netter Eliza C. Riggs which landed its first trip yesterday.

The mackerel seiner Inca had the misfortune to lose her seine boat last week while going through some rough weather near No Man's Land, pursuing mackerel. Capt. Joseph Ciame-taro, however, saved his seine which he landed at the Chisholm wharf Saturday night. That means the end of seining for the Inca this season, probably.

The story along the waterfront these days is that President Franklin D. Roosevelt is expected to enter Gloucester harbor on the 20th of this month, just to pick up two of his yachting party. As far as is known, the nation's chief executive, has expressed his wish that no holiday be made of the event, although he will greet the populace informally. His stay will be very brief, if he comes, it is understood.

Several of the swordfishermen went their way to the banks of Georges over the week-end, some of them going through the Cape Cod canal, and others heading around it. Among those who sailed were the Mary M., Capt. "Tom" Marr; Restless, Capt. "Jim" Nickerson; Edith L. Boudreau, Capt. Alphonse Boudreau; A. Piatt Andrew, Capt. John Silveira; Jorgina Silveira, Capt. Manuel Silveira, and Magellan, Capt. Joseph Rose.

The wharves certainly looked out of place this morning as the sun rose upon the placid waters that harbored but very few schooners or boats. All by themselves rested the Theresa and Dan, Capt. John Hall's command, which expects to leave the Atlantic Supply wharf sometime tonight for swordfishing, while at Davis Brothers wharf stood the John A. Cooney, Capt. Chris Higgins, and

LIGHT RECEIPTS AT THIS PORT

TOTAL SINCE SATURDAY, 51,000 POUNDS—NETTERS LAND FEW MACKEREL.

Fish receipts were light over the week-end, when the total fresh fish landed here since Saturday was 51,000 pounds, most of which was aboard the haddock William L. Putnam, that brought 30,000 pounds of large cod to the Pew branch of Gorton-Pew Fisheries for splitting. Five small mackerel netters hailed for a total of 4750 pounds, while only a few gill netters went fishing, getting 15,000 pounds in the two days.

Gloucester Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and fares in detail:
Al Stanton, netting, 500 lbs. mackerel.
Peterson, netting, 400 lbs. mackerel.
Eliza C. Riggs, netting, 1500 lbs. mackerel.
C6696, trawling, 800 lbs. cod.
C2502, trawling, 600 lbs. cod.
Gertrude E., netting, 2000 lbs. mackerel.

Saturday's Arrivals and Receipts.

Inca, via Boston.
William L. Putnam, via Boston, 30,000 lbs. large cod for splitting.
C321, netting, 350 lbs. mackerel.

Yesterday's Gill Net Receipts.

Virginia and Joan, 3500 lbs. cod.
Mary A., 2000 lbs. haddock, pollock and cod.

Saturday's Gill Net Receipts.

Virginia and Joan, 3000 lbs. cod.
C. A. Meister, 2000 lbs. cod.
Edna Fae, 1200 lbs. cod.
Enterprise, 1000 lbs. cod.
Phyllis A., 1000 lbs. cod.
Agnis and Myrnie, 900 lbs. cod.
Myrtle and Gladys, 500 lbs. cod.

Sailed.

Mary M., swordfishing.
Restless, swordfishing.
Edith L. Boudreau, swordfishing.
A. Piatt Andrew, swordfishing.
Jorgina Silveira, swordfishing.
Magellan, swordfishing.

TIMES FISH MARKET.

Salt Fish.

Large salt trawl cod, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium, \$1.50.
Large cusk, \$1.50; medium, \$1.
Hake, \$1.
Fish not gilled, large cod, 20 cents less; medium cod, 15 cents less.

Splitting Prices.

Large fresh cod, \$1.50 per cwt.; medium, \$1; snappers, 50 cents.
Haddock, 50 cents.
Hake, 60 cents.
Pollock, 50 cents.
Large cusk, 75 cents; medium, 50 cents.

GROUND FISH IN GOOD RECEIPT AT FISH PIER

Groundfish have been in good supply at the Boston fish pier. For the week ending June 1, there were 81 arrivals with 4,069,200 pounds of fresh fish, almost a million pounds ahead of the corresponding week of 1932 when 75 vessels brought in 3,426,125 pounds.

The total was divided:
1933—7,977,100 pounds of haddock; 830,100 pounds of large cod; 460,000 pounds of market cod; 772,600 pounds of mixed fish.
1932—1,554,500 pounds of haddock; 425,500 pounds of large cod; 371,500 pounds of market cod; 1,074,625 pounds of mixed fish.

From January 1 to date there have been 2482 arrivals with 92,141,800 pounds of fresh fish as compared with 2283 arrivals and receipts of 89,502,117 pounds of fresh fish brought in during the corresponding period of 1932.

The amount of haddock filets in cold storages on May 15, 1933, was 2,545,244 pounds as compared with 3,257,797 pounds in storage on May 15, 1932.

Nova Scotia Bait Report.

Canso—No bait, ice available. No vessels in port.
Halifax—Twenty thousand pounds frozen herring available.
Liverpool—Plenty Ice available.

NEAR RECORD AT THE BOSTON PIER

FLEET OF 64 ANSWERED BELL TODAY—31 OF THEM SEINERS.

The fleet of arrivals at the Boston fish pier this morning was within two of the record total for all time for a single day. Sixty-four vessels, including 31 seiners, which is probably an all-time record for a day's arrivals, were on hand at the opening. The record was established on September 26, 1932, when 66 boats, including 30 seiners, brought their trips to Boston for disposal.

Total receipts this morning were 675,000 pounds of groundfish, 542,000 pounds of fresh mackerel, 60,000 pounds of halibut and 270,000 pounds of mixed fish. Sch. Catherine, Capt. Archie McLeod, from Grand Banks, brought the halibut.

The market opened up fairly well. The price on haddock, large and market cod was \$2.50 to \$3 on all varieties. Mackerel were quoted at 2 to 3 1-2 cents per pounds but whether the entire receipts would be assimilated at the price is problematical.

Boston Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and fares in detail:
Str. Saturn, 95,000 haddock, 7800 cod, 24,000 mixed fish.
Str. Cormorant, 70,000 haddock, 5500 cod, 18,000 mixed fish.
Str. Quincy, 2000 mixed fish.
Str. Amherst, 90,000 haddock, 2000 cod, 17,000 mixed fish.
Str. William J. O'Brien, 40,000 haddock, 5000 cod, 26,000 mixed fish.
Frances J. Manta, 32,000 haddock, 6000 mixed fish.
Marisstellia, 48,000 haddock, 3500 cod, 10,000 mixed fish.
Mary and Julia, 25,000 haddock, 3000 cod, 15,000 mixed fish.
Vandal, 12,000 haddock, 1000 cod, 12,000 mixed fish.
Milton, 12,000 haddock, 1000 cod, 12,000 mixed fish.
Philip P. Manta, 14,000 haddock, 20,000 cod, 3300 mixed fish.
Sadie M. Nunan, 8500 haddock, 27,000 cod.
Elk, 25,000 haddock, 38,000 cod, 6000 mixed fish.
Edith C. Rose, 35,000 haddock, 52,000 cod, 2300 mixed fish.
Catherine, 60,000 halibut.
Minnie M., 14,000 pollock, 1000 mackerel.
Charles Fauci III., 6000 mixed fish.
Princess, 11,500 mixed fish.
Leonardo, 8600 mixed fish.
Eddie and Lulu M., 8800 mixed fish.
Jackson and Arthur, 2000 mixed fish.
Arthur and Matthew, 11,000 mixed fish.
Joseph D'Ambrosio, 6000 mixed fish.
Mao III., 7000 mixed fish.
Evangeline D., 8200 mixed fish.
Fred Henry, 6000 mixed fish.
Two Pals, 8400 mixed fish.
Josie M., 11,800 mixed fish.
Rosie C., 8400 mixed fish.
St. Peter, 3400 mixed fish.
Josephine, 3500 mixed fish.
Maria Guiseppe, 1200 mixed fish.
St. Mary, 2300 mixed fish.
St. John, 2000 mixed fish.
Alice and Mildred, 19,000 mackerel.

Linta, 20,000 mackerel.
Famiglia, 15,000 mackerel.
Florence K., 15,000 mackerel.
Bethulia, 20,000 mackerel.
Carlo and Vence, 19,000 mackerel.
Orion, 18,000 mackerel.
Mary W., 20,000 mackerel.
St. Peter, 20,000 mackerel.
Alicia, 20,000 mackerel.
Eleanor, 20,000 mackerel.
St. Provvidenza II., 20,000 mackerel.
Capt. Drum, 20,000 mackerel.
Uncle Sam, 20,000 mackerel.
Josephine and Mary, 19,000 mackerel.
Serafina II., 18,000 mackerel.
Ruth Lucille, 13,000 mackerel.
Dacia, 20,000 mackerel.
St. Provvidenza, 19,000 mackerel.
Superior, 15,000 mackerel.
Sebastiano C., 15,500 mackerel.
Jennie and Julia, 20,000 mackerel.
Natale II., 20,000 mackerel.
Catherine Burke, 19,000 mackerel.
Catherine Graffeo, 20,000 mackerel.
Angie and Florence, 20,000 mackerel.
St. Rosalie, 20,000 mackerel.
Salvatore, 20,000 mackerel.
Anna Guarino, 1500 mackerel.
Santina, 3000 mackerel.

Haddock, \$2.50 to \$3 per cwt.; large cod, \$2.50 to \$3; market cod, \$2.50 to \$3; hake, \$1 to \$1.50; pollock, \$1 to \$1.60; cusk, \$1; gray sole, 1 1-2 to 3 1-2 cents per lb.; lemon sole, 7 cents; black backs, 2 1-2 cents; yellow tails, 2 cents; mackerel, 2 cents to 3 1-2 cents; catfish 1 cent.